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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A cover for an electronic device comprising:
a flexible sleeve, said sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof for receiving an electronic device, wherein said sleeve is configured to allow the electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve; ~~and~~
a means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device; and
an electronic device positioned inside said sleeve.
2. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said sleeve is comprised of plastic.
3. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said sleeve is transparent.
4. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is comprised of an open tubular member wherein a first end of said open tubular member is attached to said opening in said sleeve and a second end of said open tubular member is adapted to receive said electronic device.
5. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 4 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.

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6. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is releasably attached to said opening.

7. (Previously presented) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve to said electronic device is permanently attached to said opening.

8. (Currently amended) A cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device, said cover comprising:

a flexible sleeve comprised of a top wall, a bottom wall, two side walls connecting said top wall and said bottom wall, a rear wall connecting said top wall, said bottom wall and said two side walls at a first end of said sleeve;

a sleeve opening defined by said top wall, said bottom wall and said two side walls at a second end of said; and

an removable applicator for facilitating positioning of said sleeve onto said hand-held electronic device, said applicator positioned proximate to said sleeve opening, said removable applicator comprising a tubular member having a first end and a second end wherein said first end is secured to said sleeve opening and said second end is adapted to receive said hand-held electronic device, wherein said removable applicator and said sleeve are both configured to allow said hand-held electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve.

9. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said flexible sleeve is comprised of plastic.

10. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said flexible sleeve is transparent.

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11. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said sleeve opening further comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive on an inner periphery of said sleeve opening, for selectively sealing said sleeve opening.

12. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator is secured to said sleeve opening by an adhesive.

13. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator is releasably secured to said sleeve opening .

14. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator is permanently secured to said sleeve opening.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator further comprises a living hinge on opposite sides of said applicator.

17. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator is scored on opposite sides of said removable applicator.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said removable applicator is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.

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20. (Withdrawn from consideration) A method for covering a hand-held electronic device, said method comprising:

providing a flexible sleeve for covering said hand-held electronic device, said flexible sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof;

providing a tubular applicator for securing to said opening of said flexible sleeve;

placing said hand-held electronic device within said tubular applicator; and

pulling said tubular applicator and said flexible sleeve along said hand-held electronic device until said flexible sleeve covers at least a portion of said hand-held electronic device.

21. (Currently amended) A cover for a hand-held electronic device, said cover comprising:

a transparent sleeve having at least one opening in an end thereof; and

an removable applicator positioned proximate to said at least one opening,

wherein said removable applicator and said sleeve are adapted to receive a hand-held electronic device.

22. (Currently amended) The cover for a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 21, wherein said removable applicator comprises a tubular member having a living hinge on opposite sides of said applicator.

23. (Withdrawn from consideration) A method for covering a hand-held electronic device, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a transparent flexible sleeve for covering said hand-held electronic device, said flexible sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof;

providing a tubular applicator for facilitating positioning of said sleeve onto said hand-held electronic device, wherein said applicator and said sleeve are both configured to allow said hand-held electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve;

placing said hand-held electronic device within said tubular applicator;

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pulling said tubular applicator and said flexible sleeve along said hand-held electronic device until said flexible sleeve covers at least a portion of said hand-held electronic device so that said hand-held electronic device can be operated with said flexible sleeve positioned thereon.